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SUBJECT: MINPET HILAL'S COMMENTS ON TRAINING FOR MINISTRY OF
PETROLEUM

1. DURING MEETING BETWEEN NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
DIRECTOR DR. GUYFORD STEVER AND NEW MINISTER OF PLANNING
DR. IBRAHIM HELMI ABDEL RAHMAN APRIL 29, MINISTER OF
PETROLEUM AHMAD HILAL UNEXPECTEDLY DROPPED IN. HILAL
INTERVENED IN CONVERSTION AT POINT WHEN DR. STEVER WAS
EXPLAINING STRONG POINT OF AMERICAN SCIENTIFICE AND
TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIVEMENT AS ITS ABILITY TO SPREAD ITS
KNOWLEDGE THROUGH EXPERT TRAINING. NOTING BOTH SECRETARY
SIMON AND UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON HAD DISCUSSED WITH
HIM TRAINING FOR HIS MINISTRY, HILAL CLAIMED NEITHER HAVE
THUS FAR FULFILLED HIS "PROMISES" TO HELP. HILAL SAID HE
STILL AWAITS A REPLY AND REMAINS VERY INTERESTED IN
ARRANGING FOR TRAINING FOR MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM
PERSONNEL IN THE US.

2. COMMENT: RE HILAL DISCUSSION OF TRAINING WITH
SECRETARY SIMON, ASST. SEC TREAS PARSKY, IN NOV 1974
MEETING WITH HILAL, EXPLAINED DIFFICULTIES FOR USG TO
PROVIDE KIND OF TRAINING HILAL DESCRIBED. HE EXPLAINED USG
HAD FEW SUCH FACILITIES AND THAT OIL COMPANIES (MANY OF WHICH
HAVE CONCESSIONS IN EGYPT) ARE BETTER EQUIPPED IN THIS
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REGARD AND COULD POSSIBLY PROVIDE SUCH TRAINING ASSISTANCE.

IT WAS CLEAR HILAL DID NOT ACCEPT THIS SUGGESTION. SUBSEQUENTLY,
HOWEVER, HILAL RAISED SAME MATTER DURING MEETING WITH
UNDERSEC ROBINSON IN FEB 1975. UNDERSEC SAID HE WOULD
LOOK ACTIVELY INTO POSSIBILITIES. MOREOVER, RECENT MESSAGE
FROM UNDERSEC ROBINSON INDICATING MATTER HAD NOT BEEN
FORGOTTEN WAS ALSO PASSED TO HILAL. HE IS OBVIOUSLY BECOMING
IMPATIENT, HOWEVER.
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